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Step-up of Reinforcements to USAREUR

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PURPOSE

(S) The purpose of this action is to forward a memorandum to the Secretary of Defense presenting an outline plan for reinforcing USAREUR with non-divisional units prior to 1 November.

DISCUSSION

1. (S) On 8 September 1961, Secretary Gilpatrick approved accelerated deployment of USAREUR reinforcements as follows:

15,041 fillers, to close by 1 November
15,110 personnel in non-divisional units, to close by 1 November
7,000 fillers, to close by 15 December
2,000 personnel in non-divisional units, to close by 15 December

a. The decision to delay the shipment of 7,000 fillers was based on the fact that shipping all fillers by 1 November would require excessive levies on existing units, with the following undesirable results:

(1) Many military occupational specialties will not match those requisitioned by USAREUR.

(2) Grades will not match those requisitioned, and more overgrades than undergraduates will be furnished.

(3) Soldiers will be moved out of divisions which they either have recently joined or for which they are currently enroute for the buildup.

(4) The future fill of the divisions (2d Armored and 1st Infantry) and the non-division support units for the 1 December and 1 January forces will be delayed.

(5) Post, camp, and station activities will suffer.

(6) Training base will be degraded at a time when draft calls are high. This will delay readiness of division forces being prepared for shipment to USAREUR.

b. The decision to delay the non-divisional units (2,000 personnel) was

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based on the fact that these units were performing critical logistical support functions in support of CONUS units.

c. The advantage of delaying the shipment of 7,000 fillers is that this will not jeopardize the training base to the extent that readiness dates presently projected for the two, four, or six-division force augmentation of USAREUR cannot be met.

2. (S) At the 11 September meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary McNamara indicated that he would like "a list by unit" of those units which the Army cannot deploy by 1 November and the reasons therefor.

a. Subsequent study of the overall plan for reinforcing USAREUR indicates that all units can be closed by 1 November.

b. It should be noted that the units presently selected to reinforce USAREUR (DA 002279 dated 9 Sep 61) are STRAC and high priority STRAF units which are presently in a relatively high state of readiness and can be deployed to Europe and can operate without added fillers. This is also true of units presently in USAREUR.

3. (S) It is concluded that:

a. All of the non-divisional units to reinforce USAREUR can be closed by 1 November.

b. As previously decided, 7,000 fillers, of the total of 22,000 fillers which will be required by USAREUR, will follow at a later date and close by 15 December.

RECOMMENDATION

(U) Recommend that the memorandum for the Secretary of Defense, attached as inclosure 1, be signed and forwarded and Army implementing directives be changed accordingly.

COORDINATION

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21 Sep 61

Ret'd in accordance w/conversation between Col Hoskot, Col Bennett, SGS & Col Kent
& L/C Alcorn, OUSA w/the understanding that this proposal has been overtaken by events
1 Incl in JCS. (Col Gibson)
Memo for Sec Def

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Lieutenant General, USA
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for Military Operations

Recommend approval,
Chief of Staff, US Army

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